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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE MISSION FOR RWANDA

Report of the Fifth CommitteeRapporteur: Mr. Peter MADDENS (Belgium)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Committee considered the item at its 43rd and 44th meetings, on 20 and 21 December 1995. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.43 and 44).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/50/712). The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman (see A/C.5/50/SR.43).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/50/L.23

4. At the 44th meeting, on 21 December 1995, the representative of Austria introduced draft resolution A/C.5/50/L.23 entitled "Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda", which had been submitted on the basis of informal consultations.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/50/L.23 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda 1/ and the related oral report of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Recalling Security Council resolution 1029 (1995) of 12 December 1995, in which the Council adjusted and extended the mandate of the Assistance Mission for a final period until 8 March 1996, as well as all previous Council resolutions on the Assistance Mission,

Recalling also its resolution 48/248 of 5 April 1994 on the financing of the Assistance Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 49/20 B of 12 July 1995,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Assistance Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Assistance Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Assistance Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda as at 19 December 1995, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 74,322,512 United States dollars,

1/ A/50/712.

2/ A/C.5/50/SR.43.

representing 17 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Assistance Mission to the period ending 8 December 1995, notes that some 22 per cent of the membership has paid its assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, particularly those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, particularly as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, notably those troop-contributing Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, which bear an additional burden, owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Assistance Mission promptly and in full;

4. Endorses, on an exceptional basis, in the absence of a written report, the oral observations and recommendations presented by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Assistance Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

6. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda the amount of 32,324,500 dollars gross (31,828,900 dollars net) for the operation of the Assistance Mission for the period from 1 January to 8 March 1996;

7. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 32,324,500 dollars gross (31,828,900 dollars net) for the period from 1 January to 8 March 1996 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and its decision of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1996;

8. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 495,600 dollars for the period from 1 January to 8 March 1996, inclusive;

9. Invites voluntary contributions to the Assistance Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by

2/ See A/50/PV.100.

the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

10. Decides to keep the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda" under review during the fiftieth session.



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FINANCING OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE
PROSECUTION OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR SERIOUS
VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW
COMMITTED IN THE TERRITORY OF THE FORMER
YUGOSLAVIA SINCE 1991

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Peter MADDENS (Belgium)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 42nd and 43rd meetings, on 18 and 20 December 1995. Statements and observations made in the course of the discussion of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.42 and 43).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/C.5/50/41) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as presented orally by its Chairman (see A/C.5/50/SR.42).



II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/50/L.16

4. At the 43rd meeting, on 20 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced draft resolution A/C.5/50/L.16.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/50/L.16 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the International Tribunal for the
Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious
Violations of International Humanitarian Law
Committed in the Territory of the Former
Yugoslavia since 1991

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 1/ and the related oral report by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

1. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 an amount of 8,619,500 United States dollars gross (7,637,500 dollars net) for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1996 to allow the International Tribunal to continue its activities through 31 March 1996, without prejudice to recommendations the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions may make to the General Assembly at its resumed fiftieth session;

2. Decides also, as an ad hoc and exceptional arrangement, that Member States will waive their respective shares in the remaining credits arising from previous budgets of the United Nations Protection Force in the total amount of 4,309,750 dollars gross (3,818,750 dollars net) and hence accept an equivalent increase in the assessments for a future budget period of the Force in the same amount, to be transferred to the Special Account for the International Tribunal

1/ A/C.5/50/41.

2/ See A/C.5/50/SR.42.

from the Special Account for the United Nations Protection Force established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 46/233 of 19 March 1992;

3. Decides further to apportion the amount of 4,309,750 dollars gross (3,818,750 dollars net) for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1996 among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments for the year 1996;

4. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 4 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 982,000 dollars for the International Tribunal for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1996.



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UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS: FINANCING OF THE
UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part I)

Rapporteur: Mr. Peter MADDENS (Belgium)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations: financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item entitled "Administrative and Budgetary Aspects of the Financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Operations: financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Operations" at its 32nd and 44th meetings, on 28 November and 21 December 1995. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.32 and 44).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/50/L.15

3. At the 44th meeting, on 21 December 1995, the Rapporteur, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced a draft decision entitled "Amendments to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations to change the budget cycle of peace-keeping operations" (A/C.5/50/L.15).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/50/L.15 without a vote (see para. 5).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Amendments to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations
to change the budget cycle of peace-keeping operations

The General Assembly, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the draft amendments to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations to change the budget cycle of peace-keeping operations, 1/ decides to amend Financial Regulations 2.1 and 11.4 to read as follows:

"Regulation 2.1: The financial period shall consist of two consecutive calendar years, the first of which shall be an even year, except for peace-keeping operations with special accounts, whose financial periods shall be one year from 1 July to 30 June."

"Regulation 11.4: The accounts for the financial period, except those for peace-keeping operations with special accounts, shall be submitted by the Secretary-General to the Board of Auditors no later than 31 March following the end of the financial period. The annual accounts for peace-keeping operations with special accounts shall be submitted by the Secretary-General to the Board of Auditors no later than 30 September each year."

1/ A/50/787.



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Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

Rapporteur: Mr. Peter MADDENS (Belgium)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 138 (a) appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/50/850.
2. The Fifth Committee further considered the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations: financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations" at its 44th meeting, on 21 December 1995. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/50/SR.44).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/50/L.13

3. At the 44th meeting, on 21 December 1995, the Rapporteur, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced a draft decision entitled "Support account for peace-keeping operations" (A/C.5/50/L.13).
4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/50/L.13 without a vote (see para. 5).



III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Support account for peace-keeping operations

The General Assembly, on the basis of the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General following completion of his comprehensive review exercise:

(a) Decides to review at its resumed session, no later than March 1996, the current methodology for financing the support account, in the light of the changing requirements for and nature of backstopping of peace-keeping operations at Headquarters and taking into account the report to be submitted by the Board of Auditors, and notes the statement made by the Controller to the Fifth Committee on 28 November 1995 ^{1/} on review of the financing formula;

(b) Decides also, on an exceptional basis, pending consideration of the report of the Secretary-General:

- (i) To establish as a temporary post the position of Special Adviser to the Secretary-General;
- (ii) To extend the 61 temporary posts authorized in paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 49/250 of 20 July 1995 for the period from 1 February to 31 March 1996;
- (iii) To authorize the amounts of \$40,000 for overtime and \$900,000 for common services for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1996.

^{1/} See A/C.5/50/SR.32.